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Migration of Rural Population to Urban Areas

3322. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to check migration of rural population to the urban areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). The primary reason for migration from rural to urban areas is unemployment and under employment and consequent poverty in the rural areas. To check migration of rural population to the urban areas, the Government has started various programmes aimed at alleviation of unemployment/under employment and poverty. The main programmes being implemented in the rural areas to tackle unemployment and poverty and hence migration from there to urban areas, are Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP).

Jawahar Rozgar Yojana creates supplementary wage employment for unemployed and under-employed in the rural areas. The current year's allocation, inclusive of State share, is Rs. 2623.13 crores which is expected to generate 8152.90 lakh man-days.

Integrated Rural Development Programme aims at supplementing the income of a family by providing assets to the poor families. The current year's allocation, inclusive of States share, is Rs. 703.60 crores which is expected to assist 22,51,519 families.

Review of DWCRA Programme

3323. SHRIMATISUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently received the Programme regarding Development of Women and Children in Rural Area

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said programme is confined only to certain districts at present;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to extend the scope of the said programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). The Programme of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) is reviewed from time to time. Monthly Process is obtained from the States and District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) and reviewed in the Ministry. The DRDAs and State Governments are also to review progress in the Coordination Committees set up for the purpose. DWCRA was last reviewed by the Central Advisory Committee on October 11, 1991.

(c) Yes, Sir. DWCRA now covers 240 districts.

(d) and (e):- Proposals to extend DWCRA to the remaining districts have been included in the Eighth Five Year Plan submitted to the Planning Commission. Details are under consideration.